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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OEXC, ZA, MI (KHONJE, S.G.)

SUBJ: U.S. ASSISTANCE TO S.G. KHONJE

REF: LUSAKA A-128, SEPTEMBER 26, 1973

1. S.G. KHONJE IS BROTHER-IN-LAW OF AUGUSTINE W. BWANAUSI, FORMER MALAWI MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS WHO WAS KILLED IN ACCIDENT IN ZAMBIA IN 1968. BWANAUSI WAS ONE OF "EX-MINISTERS" WHO REVOLTED AGAINST PRESIDENT BANDA'S GOVERNMENT IN 1964 AND FLED COUNTRY.

2. PRESIDENT BANDA AND MALAWI GOVERNMENT HIERARCHY REMAIN SENSITIVE TO ACTIVITIES OF EX-MINISTERS AND THEIR PAST OR PRESENT FOLLOWERS IN EXILE. THIS ILLUSTRATED BY SEPTEMBER MALAWI CONGRESS PARTY CONVENTION RESOLUTION DENLING THREE FORMER DISSIDENTS PERMISSION TO RETURN AND EXPELLING FROM PARTY PERSONS WHO ADVOCATED THEIR RETURN. WE REGULARLY RECEIVE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION REGARDING EX-MINISTER HENRY CHIPEMBERE WHO RESIDES IN U.S. AND ON ACTIVITIES OF OTHER DISSIDENTS.

3. SHOULD U.S. FACILITATE UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP FOR KHONJE WE SHOULD ASSUME THIS WILL COME TO ATTENTION OF GOM WHLCH MAKES SPECIAL EFFORT KEEP TRACK OF DISSIDENTS  
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IN NEIGHBORING COHNTRIES. THIS WOULD LEAD TO SUBSTANTIAL

PROBLEM WHERE WITH GOM AND PRESIDENT BANDA PERSONALLY.  
ASSISTANCE TO KHONJE WOULD AROUSE SUSPICIONS AND QUESTIONS  
REGARDING U.S. MOTIVES WHICH COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR WORK.  
FACTUAL EXPLANATION OF NATURE OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN AND REASONS  
WOULD HAVE LITTLE IMPACT.

4. THUS WE RECOMMEND AGAINST SUGGESTION IN REFERENCED  
AIRGRAM. FURTHER WE DO NOT BELIEVE PARALLEL SHOULD BE DRAWN  
BETWEEN ASSISTANCE TO BLACKS FROM SOUTH AFRICA OR RHODESIA  
LIVING IN EXILE AND DISSIDENTS FROM BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES.  
WE WOULD THINK POLICY OF PROVIDING HELP TO LATTER WOULD  
CAUSE PROBLEMS THROUGHOUT CONTINENT.  
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